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**BAIL IN HOMICIDE CASES.**

Our esteemed contemporary the Chester Lantern is of the opinion that our judges are too lenient in the matter of granting bail to parties charged with murder. It says "the law as it stands" is susceptible to a "slack interpretation," and our contemporary thinks the judges "strain it to the limit in this direction."

A party charged with the commission of a crime is, in the eyes of the law, presumed to be innocent until he is proven guilty. Why then, should a bail bond be made any larger than is necessary to insure the defendant's appearance for trial? When has a party in this state charged with murder forfeited his bail by failure to be on hand when his case was called? Is it not a fact that bail, whether large or small, has always had the effect of bringing the accused into court when wanted to answer to an indictment against him?

The law does not contemplate the punishment of a party charged with murder, or any other offence for that matter, in advance of his conviction by a jury of his peers, as would be the case were he denied bail or the amount made excessive, thereby necessitating his going to jail and remaining there until his trial comes off. This is certainly true as a general proposition. Of course in a capital case where "the proof is evident or the presumption great" the Constitution declares that the defendant shall not be bailed. Such cases are indeed rare.

**TIME FOR WHOLESALE INVESTIGATION?**

The removal last week by Gov Heyward of two county treasurers for alleged shortages and the report of an investigating committee showing gross misconduct and mismanagement in the financial affairs of a third county, following, as they do, so closely on the heels of the revelations of rascality in Greenville county and the charges of corruption made by the grand juries of Horry and Pickens against certain county officials, suggest the idea that the time is probably

ripe for the making of a thorough investigation into the condition of public offices generally, state as well as county.

Officials who are doing their duty and whose accounts are straight would no doubt welcome such an investigation. It would give them an opportunity to show to the people that they are worthy of the trust reposed in them. Only the incompetent and the criminally guilty would suffer by a general overhauling of the public offices in South Carolina.

The charge has been frequently made that, in spite of the dispensary revenues and the enhanced value of taxable property, state and county taxes are annually increasing instead of diminishing. The charge implies either extravagance or misappropriation of public funds, or both. If the people's money is not being economically and judiciously used, if it is being wasted or stolen, the sooner they find it out the better.

Let the legislature turn on the limelight over the entire state. The inauguration of the dispensary investigation was a step in the right direction, but it is now time for our lawmakers to take another step—in fact, several of them.

**Appreciated Praise.**

We have received a number of private letters commendatory of the recent newspaper merger, and, though not intended for publication, we take the liberty of quoting from a few of them.

Mr. W. W. Ball, of The News and Courier's editorial staff, closes a highly appreciated letter with the following paragraph:

"It seems to me that the consolidation of your papers in Lancaster is what you have long needed and I am sure that you have now an excellent opportunity to do a class of work for which you are well fitted and for which the Review gave you no latitude."

Our old friend Mr. Samuel F. Massey, of Fort Mill, writes:

"I am pleased for your sake and the people's sake at the late change in newspaperdom. I feel that your ability will be spurred by the prospect of a wider field and less handicaps. Both readers and yourself are to be congratulated; for now there is every prospect for a better condition for both writer and readers."

The following is from Mr. J. H. Craig, a former Lancastrian, now connected with the Indian Head Mills of Alabama, at Cordova:

"Your first copy of the 'LANCASTER NEWS' just to hand, and as an old subscriber of the 'Ledger' but now a well wisher and a new subscriber of the New Paper, allow me to congratulate you most heartily on your paper as a whole and make my bow to same as a welcome visitor to my home.

"I have been a constant subscriber of the Ledger ever since being away from home and have always read its columns with interest, it being from my native county home, and now clothed under a new organization and fronting a wider field, I bespeak for the paper great success.

"I will return sometime in November on a visit to friends in old Lancaster and will slip an extra dollar or two in my purse for the paper but in the meantime trust to receive same as usual."

**Press Comments on Lancaster's Dispensary Election.**

(Columbia State.)

Lancaster, also!  
The House of Lancaster unites with the House of York.

In this war, the red rose of Lancaster joins the white rose of York against Tillman and his Great Moral Institution.

(Greenville Mountaineer:)

Hurrah for Lancaster. That county votes out the G. M. I. by the largest pro rata vote yet recorded in elections under the Brice Bill. And some people actually thought the dispensary would win. Mr. Tillman's eloquence is being felt—against his pet.

(Spartanburg Daily Herald.)

Did Lancaster do it to get ahead of her traditional rival York? That may be an explanation.

Senator Tillman spoke in Lancaster, but did not speak in Horry. Does that have anything to do with the way the vote stood yesterday? Only a query now, no assertion made, bear in mind.

Lancaster claims to be the banner county of the state in the fight against the dispensary. Move that the pennant be awarded and suitable resolutions be engrossed and sent to her.

"Hurrah for Lancaster," says the enthusiastic Lancaster correspondent. With Tiny Tim, "So say we all, everyone."

**Narrow Escape**

Of Passenger Train near Camden—Almost Runs into a Burning Bridge.

Columbia, Oct. 7.—Special to News and Courier: The Seaboard's through south bound passenger train No. 31, due here at 10:15 a. m., on the way from the North to Florida, had a thrilling escape this morning from destruction, through a burning bridge, spanning what is known as Jumping Gully, 60 feet high and 200 feet long, between Lugoff and Blaney Station, near Camden.

The only warning the engineer and crew had was the smoke and flame they sighted 200 yards away, as the train was rounding a curve, running forty five miles an hour. The engine was reversed and the emergency brakes were applied. The engineer got his machine under control within a car length of the north side of the bridge, where the fire was concentrated and where twenty feet had been burned out. There was joy in that crowd of passengers, numbering about fifty, and they are eloquent in their praise of the splendid work of Engineer D. K. Wright, and Conductor Walter Gibson and others.

**Ex-Vice-President Peters Not Standing by Association.**

Dallas, Tex., Oct. 6.—Col. E. S. Peters, vice president of the Southern Cotton association, has issued a letter to farmers advising them to sell their cotton. This letter is expected to arouse criticism in the Southern Cotton association, as the officers of that organization, supported by the Farmers' union, have advised farmers to hold their cotton for 11 cents. Col. Peters says he believes that cotton will not go any higher and he predicts a big crop.

Don't fail to read our column of business locals.

—The ladies of the Baptist church served meals Monday and yesterday in store room south of entrance to Imperial hotel. They were quite successful, realizing about \$50. The ladies will also serve dinner to morrow in the same place.

**Business Notices.**

All Notices inserted under this head at the rate of ONE CENT A WORD for each insertion. No notice to be counted less than 25 words.

FOR RENT.—January 1st, the store room now occupied by Allison Bros. & McCordell. See W. T. Gregory, Oct. 10-31st.

LOST OR STRAYED.—While in town Sept. 18th, last, my yellow Shepherd dog. Had been sheared. Reasonable reward for his return. A. A. Knight.

REWARD.—I will pay a reward of Five Dollars for the capture of one Walter Cunningham, alias Bunk Reddish, charged with breaking into my house and robbing same Sept. 15th, last. He is a young negro, black, weighs about 125 pounds. Was in Kershaw county when last heard from. W. P. Blackmon, White Bluff, S. C. Oct. 9, 1905. 2ti.

Why do you order high-price Washing Machines? Bennett Grocery Co., sells the Spotless. 10-4-6t.

WANTED—Those who are indebted to the Lancaster Enterprise for Subscription will please call on me and settle same, as I am anxious to close up the business of that paper as early as possible. A. J. Clark, Mgr.

WANTED.—Honest, reliable Agent to represent us in Lancaster County to assist Mr. A. B. Lindsay in the Sewing Machine business, we have a large number of Accounts to collect on and the best machine in the world to sell and there is no better County in the State than Lancaster, S. C. to sell Sewing Machines and especially the Singer, everybody buys the Singer, you can make money working for us. We want you at once, now is the Harvest of the Season, the Farmers are ready to buy, none but an honest, reliable and hustling man need apply. Call on or address Singer Sewing Machine Company, Charlotte, N. C. W. B. Crook, Mgr.

**Notice.**

Notice is hereby given that the tax books of the town of Lancaster, S. C., will be open for the collection of taxes on the 1st day of November, 1905, at the office of the town Treasurer, and all taxes remaining unpaid on the 1st day of December, 1905, pursuant to Section 1 of the Supply Bill of 1905, will be subject to a penalty of 15 per cent for the non-payment of the same when, together with cost.

**Trespass Notice.**

Notice is hereby given to the public that the undersigned will prosecute to the full extent of the law any person or persons hereafter caught cutting timber, riding, walking, driving, fishing, hunting or otherwise trespassing on their lands in Indian Land Township, Lancaster County, S. C.

**The BEST is the Cheapest Town Talk Flour BENNETT GROCERY CO.**

**MONEY TO LOAN.**  
I am prepared, as usual, to negotiate loans, on improved cotton farms, in sums of \$300.00 and upwards for five years. Interest at 7 per cent on sums of \$1,000.00 and over. Under \$1,000.00, 8 per cent. Interest. No brokerage or commission charged—only a reasonable fee for abstract of title.

**The First National Bank of Lancaster, S. C.,**  
Solicits accounts of individuals, firms and corporations, and offers to depositors every facility and courtesy consistent with sound banking. Interest allowed on time deposit. Safety deposit boxes for rent. Correspondence solicited.  
E. M. CROXTON, Cashier.  
CHAS. D. JONES, President.

**Professional Cards**

**JOHN E. WELSH,**  
DENTIST,  
Lancaster, S. C.  
Office Up-stairs in Masonic Building.

DENTISTRY.  
**DR. R. M. GALLOWAY,**  
Surgeon Dentist.  
Office Up-stairs in Ganson Building.

**DR. R. G. ELLIOTT,**  
Lancaster, S. C.  
Residence 'phone, No. 187. Office, Davis Building, cor. Main and Dunlap streets; 'phone No. 72.  
Will practice in both town and county. All calls, day or night, will receive prompt attention.

**Notice to Taxpayers.**

Taxes will be due and payable without penalty from October 15 to December 31, 1905.  
The tax levy for State purposes is 5 1/2 mills, for ordinary county purposes 4 1/2 mills, special county purposes (L. & C. R. R. bonds) 2 mills, constitutional tax for school purposes 3 mills, making a total levy of 15 mills on all taxable property of the county. In School Districts Nos. 5, 30, 32 and 46, there is a special levy of 2 mills additional for school purposes; in District No. 24, 3 mills; Districts Nos. 12, 17 and 39, 4 mills; District No. 38, 5 mills; No. 14, 6 mills, and No. 40, 7 mills. In Cane Creek Township there is a special local levy of 4 1/2 mills for railroad purposes; Gills Creek, 5 mills, and Pleasant Hill, 3 mills.  
There is also a tax of one dollar on each male citizen between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, except ex-Confederate soldiers and sailors, or those who are so disabled that they cannot earn a support by manual labor.

W. C. CAUTHEN,  
Treasurer Lancaster County.  
No. 7858.

**TREASURY DEPARTMENT.**

Office Comptroller of the Currency  
Washington, D. C., Aug. 4, 1905.

WHEREAS, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The First National Bank of Lancaster", in the Town of Lancaster, in the County of Lancaster and State of South Carolina, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking;

NOW THEREFORE I, Thomas P. Kane, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The First National Bank of Lancaster", in the Town of Lancaster, in the County of Lancaster and State of South Carolina, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty one hundred and sixty nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF witness my hand and Seal of office this Fourth day of August, 1905.  
(SEAL) T. P. Kane,  
Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency.  
O-10-05.

**LANCASTER & CHESTER RAILWAY COMPANY**  
SCHEDULE IN EFFECT MAY 28, 1905.  
DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY

WESTBOUND			
Lv Lancaster	6:20 a.m.	3:45 p.m.	
Lv Fort Lawn	6:49 a.m.	4:15 p.m.	
Lv Bascomville	6:59 a.m.	4:30 p.m.	
Lv Richburg	7:08 a.m.	4:46 p.m.	
Ar Chester	7:30 a.m.	5:15 p.m.	
Ar Charlotte—Sou. Ry.	9:55 a.m.	7:00 p.m.	
Ar Columbia—Sou. Ry.	10:15 a.m.		

  

EASTBOUND			
Lv Columbia—Sou. Ry.	6:05 a.m.	3:10 p.m.	
Lv Charlotte—Sou. Ry.	6:05 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	
Lv Chester	9:00 a.m.	8:15 p.m.	
Lv Richburg	9:49 a.m.	8:30 p.m.	
Lv Bascomville	9:50 a.m.	8:45 p.m.	
Lv Fort Lawn	10:05 a.m.	8:55 p.m.	
Ar Lancaster	10:30 a.m.	9:15 p.m.	

  

CONNECTIONS  
CHESTER—Southern, Seaboard, and Carolina & North-Western Railways.  
LANCASTER—Southern Railway.  
A. I. McLURE, Superintendent.  
LEROY SPRINGS, President.